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I LIKE

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WISH

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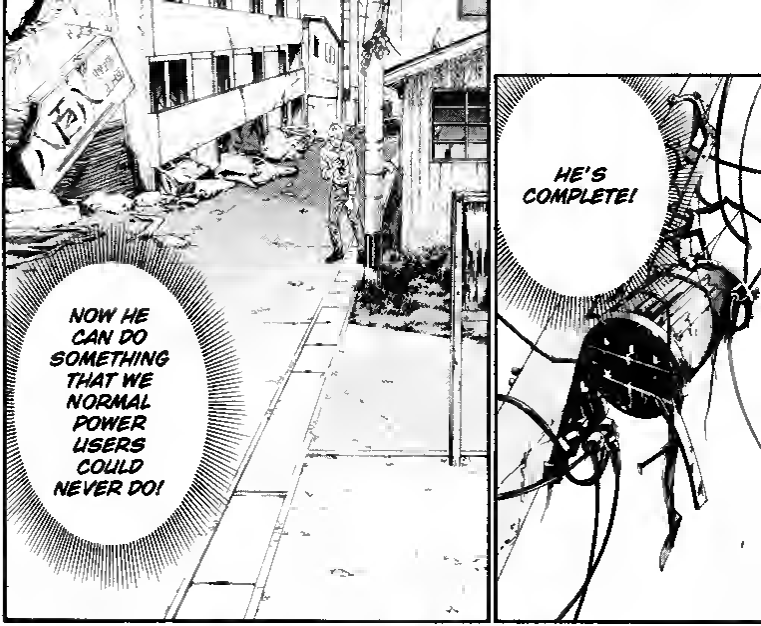
BACK!
GIVE US BACK TAISUKE!!

.....
JERK OPEN

YOU BASTARD!!
THIS ISN'T HAPP-ENING

TAISUKE
IS DEAD..

HE SLAUGHTERED HIS FRIEND WITH HIS OWN HANDS!
THE ONLY THING LEFT IN HIS HEART...
NOW THAT THE BOY'S LOST
HE DID IT!
HE'S NOTHING MORE THAN A CONTAINER FOR THE HEART!
HIROSE YUUICHI HAS LOST HIS HUMANITY
AND BECOME PURE DESTRUC-TIVE POWER!


NOW HE CAN DO SOMETHING THAT WE NORMAL POWER USERS COULD NEVER DO!
HE'S COMPLETE!

KILL GOD!

MEGU
……

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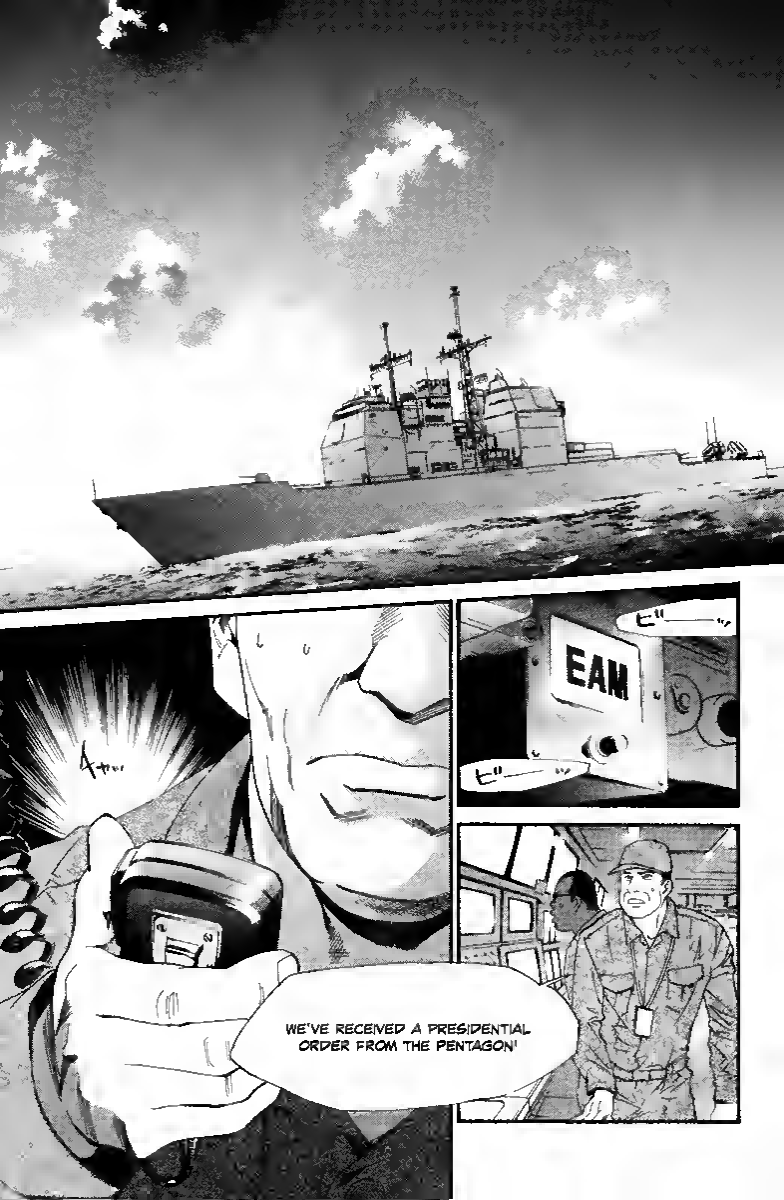
COLONEL
THE HEART'S MOVEMENT HAS STOPPED...

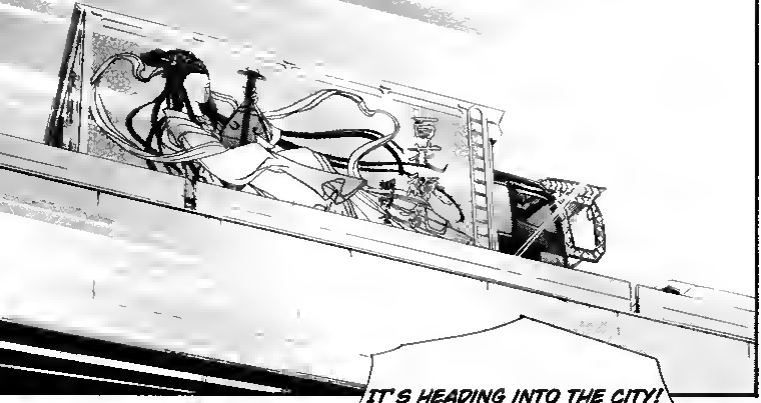

EAM
WE'VE RECEIVED A PRESIDENTIAL ORDER FROM THE PENTAGON!

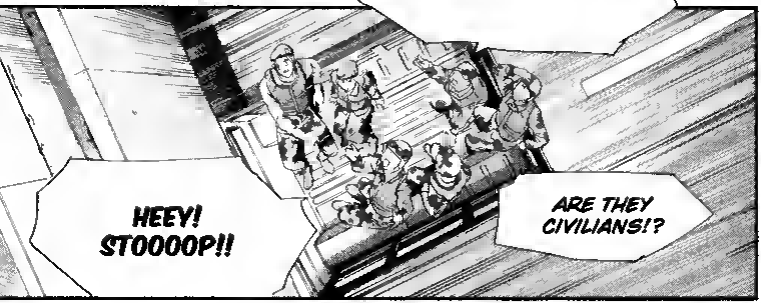
BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR
THE FINAL STRIKE!!

ブオオ

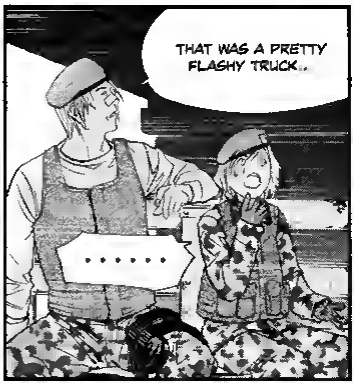
IS THE PRESIDENT SERIOUSLY GOING TO USE A NUKE?
.....
WHEN THEY SAID THEY'LL DROP IT WITHIN TWO HOURS,
DID THAT REALLY MEAN THEY COULD DROP IT AT ANY TIME?
Y'THINK? THEY WON'T FIRE UNTIL WE'VE
EVACUATED RIGHT!?

EVEN IF WE HAVE TO MAKE SOME SACRIFICES TO DO SO, WE WILL PROTECT OUR COUNTRY.
THAT'S OUR JUSTICE...
FAILURE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
IF THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES, THEY WILL DROP IT.
.....
LOOK AT THAT!
WOAH...


IT'S HEADING INTO THE CITY!


HEEY! STOOOOP!!
ARE THEY CIVILIANS!?

HEEY!
IT'S FINE... LET THEM BE!


THAT WAS A PRETTY FLASHY TRUCK..
.....

NO ONE CAN STOP THEM ANYWAY...
oooWHY?

DON'T YOU REALIZE

WHY ISN'T HE DOING ANYTHING!?

MITAMA'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIM!!
IF HE DOESN'T DO IT NOW, MITAMA WILL ABSORB THE ENTIRETY OF HUMANITY WITHIN HERSELF!

ALL OF HUMANITY WILL BE DESTROYED!!

You're mistaken
HOW MANY LIVES I'VE SACRIFICED...
IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!!

JUST WHAT IS IT THAT I'M MISTAKEN ABOUT, LUDGER!?
SORRY TO INFORM YOU BUT...
TIME HAS RUN OUT FOR THAT SORT OF THING
You'll understand soon enough
That once one
Has obtained all of their goals
While I was searching for the meaning of life, I realized
Exactly. When you understand it, it will all be over

Their journey will be at an end
They'll be satisfied and
. . . . . .
...AH

ドォ…
Hirose's destructive power existed because of Taisuke's existence

He reached his goal and became an empty shell
So when Taisuke died
Once all of your wishes come true,
You lose the meaning to move...
You really are a funny man,
Katsumata
Without realizing this, you actually sent Hirose out to kill Taisuke

Although...
The way you died isn't nearly as funny

HIROSE!
YOU KILLED MAMA... YOU KILLED TAISUKE!
NOW YOU HAVE TO DIE!!

DIE!
WHY WON'T YOU DIE!
WHY ISN'T HE DYING!?
SHIT!
... OUT OF MY WAY!

...
Hirose

Congratulations
You're completely alone now

Your two desires were your "old friend," and
"becoming alone..."

.....
My wish has also come to fruition
I've assembled all the pieces and I have a container for the heart
Your journey's come to an end and

Finally I...
Have the heart...

TAISUKE!!

has
has
AOI...
DID YOU SAVE...!?

TAKE ME TO TAI-NII!
ha-
ha-
I DON'T WANT HIM TO DIE!!

Now use your piece and
take back
Hirose has nowhere to run
Akuro's Heart!

Uoooooo

Oooh...
The "Heart..."
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Ooh...
The Heart has-!
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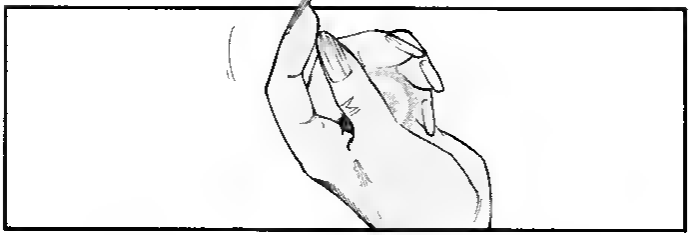
MY BODY'S HOT...

CHAPTER 80

VIEWS OF THE WORLD

I wish they would only take me as I am.



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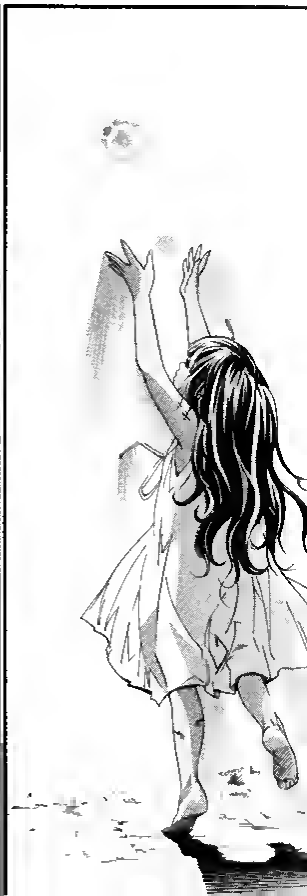


haa
haa
NOW THE ONLY PIECE LEFT IS TAISUKE'S. THEN EVERYTHING WILL BE COMPLETE
haa
(Impact)
haa
cough

HIRO, WE'RE HEADING HOME
!?
WANNA COME~?
YEAH!
MY FRIENDS

IF THOSE TWO HAD NOT BEEN HERE
WOULD MY OUTLOOK ON THE WORLD HAVE CHANGED?
AGAIN?
LET'S GET SOME THEN
THEY'RE SELLING EGGS FOR 39 YEN TODAY
YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THIS WORLD

PEOPLE TEND TO BOTTLE UP THEIR LONELINESS INSIDE
THAT'S WHY YOU INHERITED THAT POWER
YOU CAN OVERCOME EVERYTHING
SO BLOW EVERYTHING AWAY WITH THAT POWER

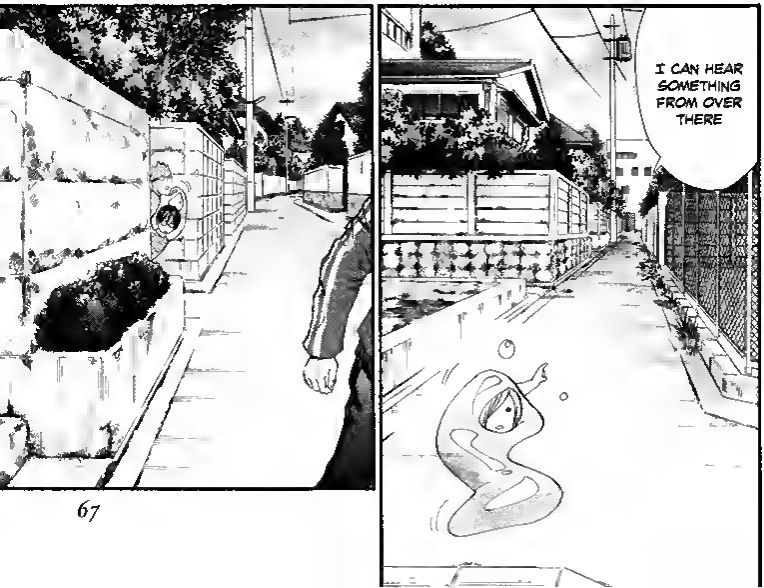
IS THIS FUN?
IT IS

haa
haa
IT'S A LOT OF FUN
haa
haa

SHOULD WE TRY TO GET A CLOSER LOOK?
HE ISN'T MOVING.
LOOKS LIKE ALL THE SOLDIERS HAVE CLEARED OUT OF HERE
WELL, THEY ARE GOING TO DROP A NUKE, AFTER ALL...

THEY'LL BE DROPPING IT WITHIN TWO HOURS...
THERE'S NO STOPPING IT NOW
SO THIS IS IT!? WE'RE GOING TO DIE!?
I... DON'T KNOW...

I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND OUT YOUR SIZES YET, THOUGH.
THAT'S SOMETHING I'M TAKING TO THE GRAVE!


I CAN HEAR SOMETHING FROM OVER THERE

WHAT...
IS THIS!?

PRESIDENT!
A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE POURING INTO THE DROP SITE FOR THE BOMB!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
WE ALREADY GAVE THE ORDER FOR THE SOLDIERS TO PULL OUT!
ERM..
THEY AREN'T SOLDIERS
LOOK AT THIS

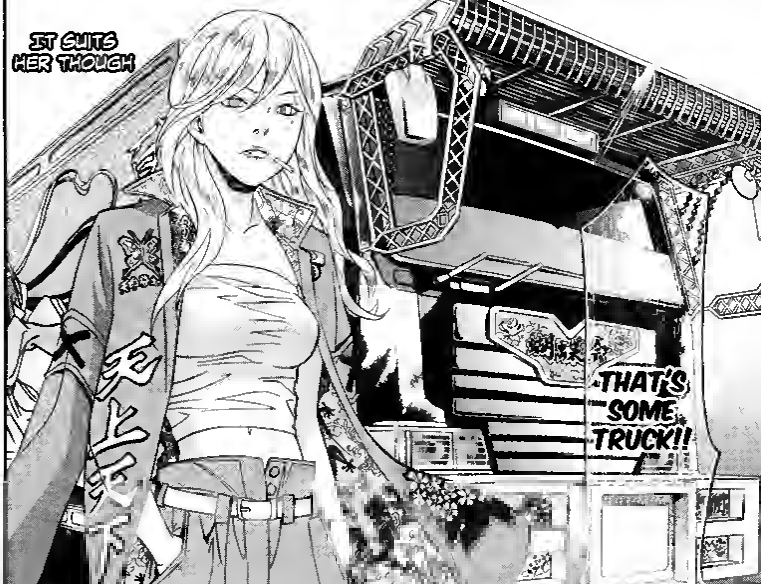
NEWS5
NEWS5
HOME MOVIE CHANNEL NEW
THEY'RE STREAMING IT ON THE NET!

WHAT!?
WHEN DID THAT MANY CIVILIANS GET THERE!?
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR LINE REGULATIONS!?

IT'S A HUMAN WALL

WE CAN'T DROP IT NOW!
HD

YEAH! YEAH!
DO YOU HAVE THE GUTS TO DROP IT NOW!?
LET'S SEE YOU DROP IT NOW! WE'RE ALL COMPLETELY UNARMED!!
LOOK AT ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SHOWN UP!!
THEY'RE ALL WARRIORS WHO'VE COME TO SUPPORT RAIN!!
RAIN!?
.....HEY!


IT SUITS HER THOUGH
THAT'S SOME TRUCK!!

I HEARD FROM YULITA
THAT YOU'RE THE ONE CALLED RAIN!
……!!
TIGHTEN THE FORMATION!
YOU CALL YOURSELF MEN!?
PUT YOUR BACKS INTO IT AND
…BEEN AWHILE, FLATTY

I DIDN'T INTEND FOR THIS TO HAPPEN...
IF THEY'RE HERE, THEY'RE IN DANGER!
I REALLY MISJUDGED YOU!!
!?
EVERYONE SAW THE BROAD-CAST SO THEY CAME TO HELP OUT!
EVERYONE WAS
INSPIRED BY YOUR STRONG WILL, STUPID!
IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT!?

THANK YOU, AMAMIYA.
BECAUSE OF THIS, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO STOP THE BOMB
YOUKO!

THIS IS SOMETHING THOSE CHILDREN HAVE TO SETTLE ON THEIR OWN
WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE!

haa
haa

I GRABBED HIROSE LIKE
I DID LAST TIME..
WITH MY POWER
HIROSE S. . BACK IN HIS HUMAN BODY?
WHAT'S GOING ON, TAISUKE?
TOUCHING HIROSE IN HIS TRANSFORMED STATE, LET ALONE GRABBING THE HEART IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT A PIECE SO
I USED DAN'S PIECE TO ACCESS MAMA'S PIECE AND EXTRACT THE HEART
HIROSE'S BACK TO BEING A NORMAL POWER USER, NOW .
!

THEN THAT MEANS HE CAN STILL...
haa
haa
haa

STAY BACK MEGUMI.
HE STILL HAS A STRONG DESIRE TO KILL
HIROSE.
YOU KNOW ABOUT IT ALREADY, RIGHT?
MITAMA HAS HIS PIECE.
THAT BRAINWASHING POWER OF HIS SHOULD BE COMPLETELY GONE FROM YOU AND MEG, NOW
KATSUMATA IS DEAD AND
SO LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING

YOU REALLY THOUGHT IT WAS FUN?
HA
HAHA...
YEAH...
IT WAS FUN

I THINK IT'S SOMETHING I WANTED ALL ALONG
DESTROYING THINGS MADE ME FEEL ALIVE...
AFTER ALL, YOU LIKED MEGUMI
SO THIS KIND OF POWER IS PERFECT FOR ME
I'VE WANTED YOU GONE FOR SUCH A LONG TIME!

A GUY LIKE ME...
IS PERFECTLY ALRIGHT WITH THE WORLD COMING TO AN END!!

haa
haa
DON'T YOU DARE ....
LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT!!
haa
YOU'RE ALWAYS LOOKING DOWN ON ME..
haa
GETTING EVERYTHING I NEVER COULD!!
haa
FUCK ....

EVEN MORE FROM ME!!!
DON'T STEAL
HIROSE

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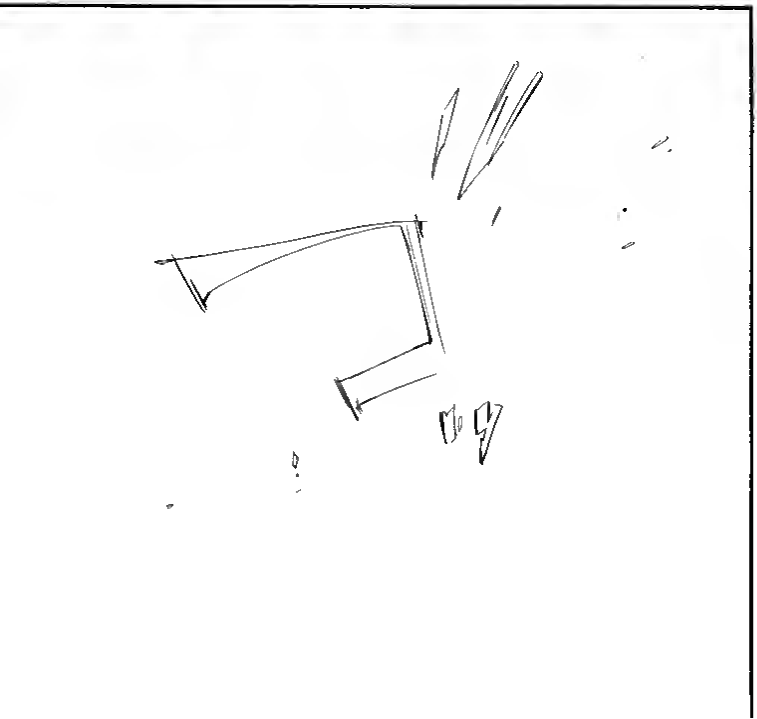

WITH...
HIS FISTS

AAAAH...
AAAAAAAAAAHHHH...

THIS FIGHT'S OVER...

THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN AFFORD TO LET THE TARGET GET AWAY WHILE IT'S IMMOBILE
BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO FIRE ON ALL THOSE CIVILIANS TOO...
I'LL FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS
UNTIL THE END
I HOPE IT'S NOT A PROBLEM FOR SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THIS IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES BUT

you...
WE NEED TO ELIMINATE THE THREAT AT ALL COSTS
I MAY GO DOWN AS THE WORST PRESIDENT IN HISTORY FOR THIS BUT
I WILL

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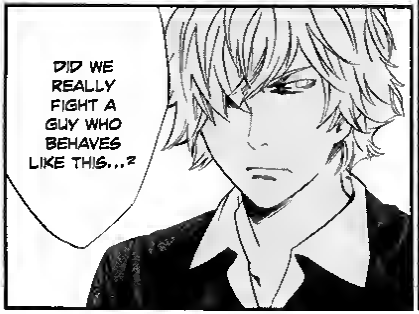
Uhhh
AHHHHH

CHAPTER 81
THE PLANET WILL BECOME ONE
The most beautiful thing in the world is, of course, the world itself.

WHAT'S WITH HIM?
...HE'S CRYING LIKE A BABY

TAISUKE, ARE YOU ALRIGHT? I MEAN, WITH YOUR ARM...


DID WE REALLY FIGHT A GUY WHO BEHAVES LIKE THIS...?

Auu
Guh
Uuuuh

Aaaa

KANOU, DON'T DO IT!!
IF THAT GETS HANDED OVER— ...
WAI-I?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ズ...

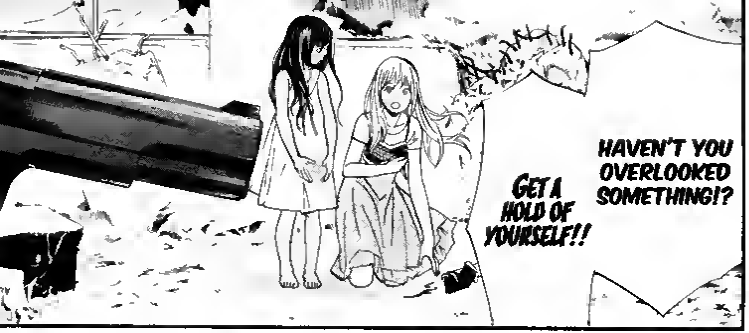
ALL RETURNING THE "PIECE" DOES IS CHANGE ME BACK INTO A NORMAL POWER USER. IT'S NOT LIKE I'LL DIE FROM IT.
I'M FINE...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
GASP
GLOP
BUT NOW MITAMA HAS ALL THE PIECES!
THAT'S BECAUSE...
WHY'D YOU GIVE IT TO HER!?

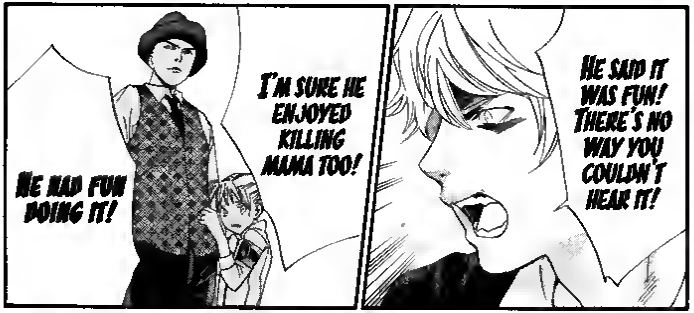
EVEN THOUGH...
YUKIE GAVE UP HER LIFE TO PROTECT HER PIECE... I'M SORRY
HURGH
UUGH
UNGH

A GUY LIKE YOU DESERVES DEATH!!
NOW YOU CAN DIE ALONE
YOU'RE ALL ALONE NOW

DIE!!

WAIT!!


GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!!
HAVEN'T YOU OVERLOOKED SOMETHING!?


HE HAD FUN DOING IT!
I'M SURE HE ENJOYED KILLING MAMA TOO!
HE SAID IT WAS FUN! THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULDN'T HEAR IT!

HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR TOO MANY DEATHS!!
IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN FORGIVE HIM BECAUSE HE WAS BRAINWASHED!

HOLD ON, REI!
YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THIS!
MOVE IT TAISUKE!!
GYAAH!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!

IT'S WHAT I WAS AFTER ALL ALONG, AFTER ALL
IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY

AH...
AHHH
....

...
YOU
CAN'T
...
!

Gasp
Tsch
Gasp
Gasp
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...SHIT!

…ヒュー
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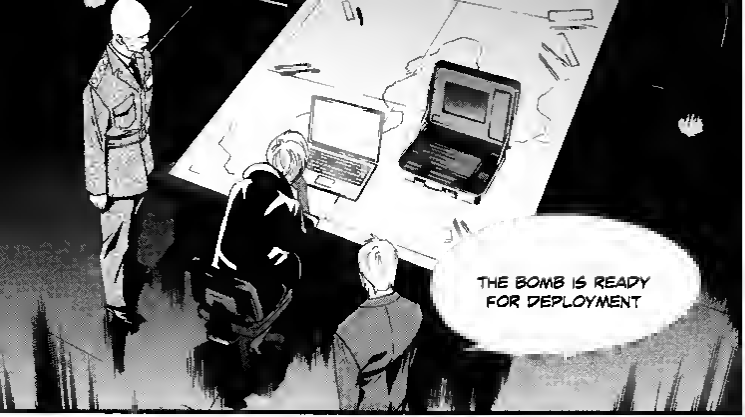
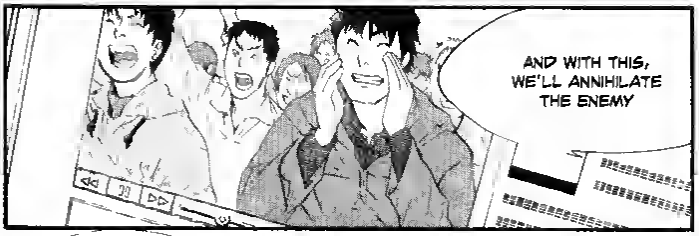
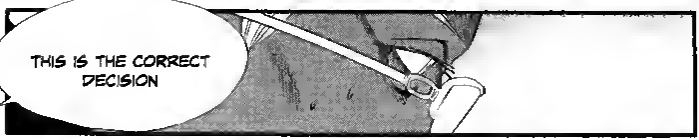
一刀両断


THE BOMB IS READY FOR DEPLOYMENT


AND WITH THIS, WE'LL ANNIHILATE THE ENEMY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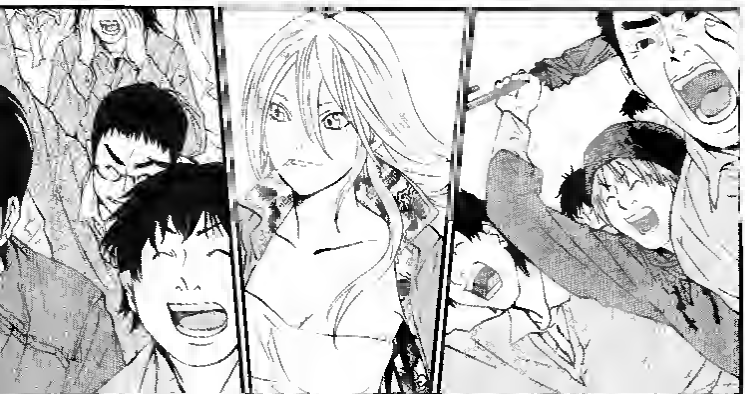


MAKE PREPARATIONS TO ADDRESS THE MEDIA

GET OUT NOW!!
I'M SORRY! I CAN'T HEAR YOU TOO WELL...
ANZU!?
THEY'RE REALLY GOING TO DROP IT!!
THEY ....

WHAT!?
.....!!
CAN IT BE USED TO CONTAIN STUFF!?
THAT "ISOLATION" POWER OF YOURS, YOU CAN USE IT RIGHT!?
THEY'RE REALLY DOING IT...
BESIDES THAT, EVEN IF IT WORKS...
CONTAIN WHAT!? THE MISSILES OR US!?
HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO HOLD OUT!?

IF IT FAILS...
WH-... THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD-
Leave it to me, Megumi
Want me to save you?

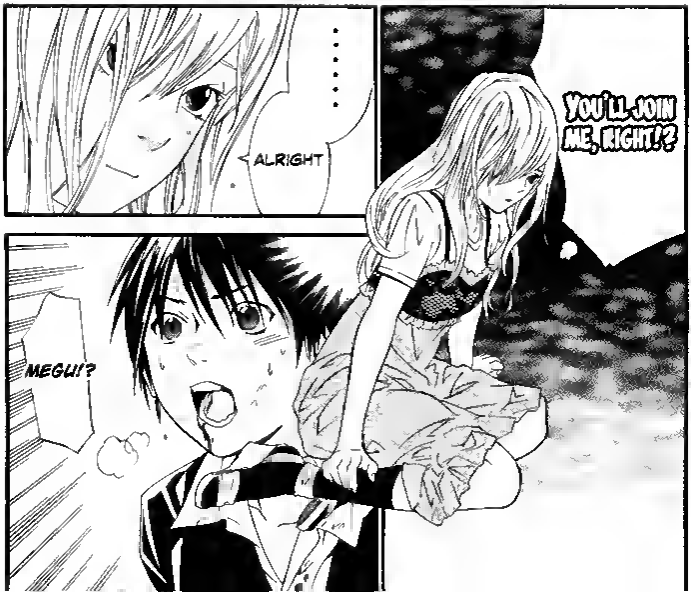
MITAMA!
ANYTHING BUT THAT!
I'll turn everyone into a single, spiritual body and
BRING IT WITH ME!!

...God.
A being that transcends humanity, Megumi
WH-WHAT ARE YOU?
So... is everyone in?
.....

You're no god!
That's wrong!
You're just a puppet that gained control of the "Akuro System!"
How dare an insect like you insult me like that!
What about the rest of you!? Are you going to join me!?
How does taking us with you save us!?
You should know, I'm the only one who can save you!!
What about it!?

What...
What is wrong with the lot of you!?

MEGUMI!!
WHY ARE YOU ALL AGAINST ME!?


YOU'LL JOIN ME, RIGHT!?
.....
ALRIGHT
MEGU!?

KATSUMATA'S BRAINWASHING HAS WORN OFF, HASN'T IT!?
BUT WHY!?
IT'LL BE ALRIGHT. I'LL GO WITH YOU
YEAH... IT HAS
BUT...
LEAVING TAMA BY HERSELF IS SOMETHING I CAN'T DO!!

YUUTA!
Megumi... that's where you're wrong. We'll all become a single entity. No one will be able to hurt anyone else.
AH HAHAHA
YOU'RE AMAZING, TAMA.
YOU REALLY ARE LIKE A GOD...

BUT TAMA...
YOU SHOULD STAY JUST THE WAY YOU ARE NOW
SEEING YOU CRY, LAUGH, GET ANGRY AND GET HURT...
I LIKE THAT TAMA
EVEN THOUGH I WANT TO SEE...
A WORLD WHERE ...
EVERYONE CAN BE HAPPY

I LIKE THE WORLD WE LIVE IN NOW THE BEST!!
BUT YOU SEE... I THINK THAT
!!

Megumi... please move.
I won't be able to do anything like this...

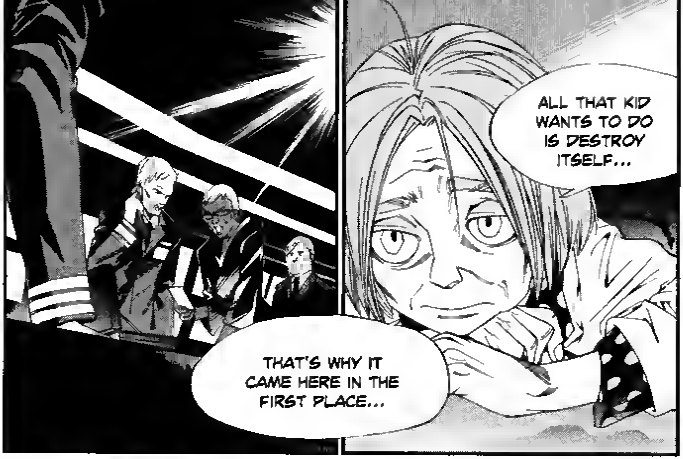
NOO! MAMAAA!
MEGUMI
LET ME GO!!

RAH!
RAH!
IT DISAPPEARED!?

HIROSE!

SINCE I CAN'T BE FORGIVEN
PLEASE...
TAKE ME WITH YOU.

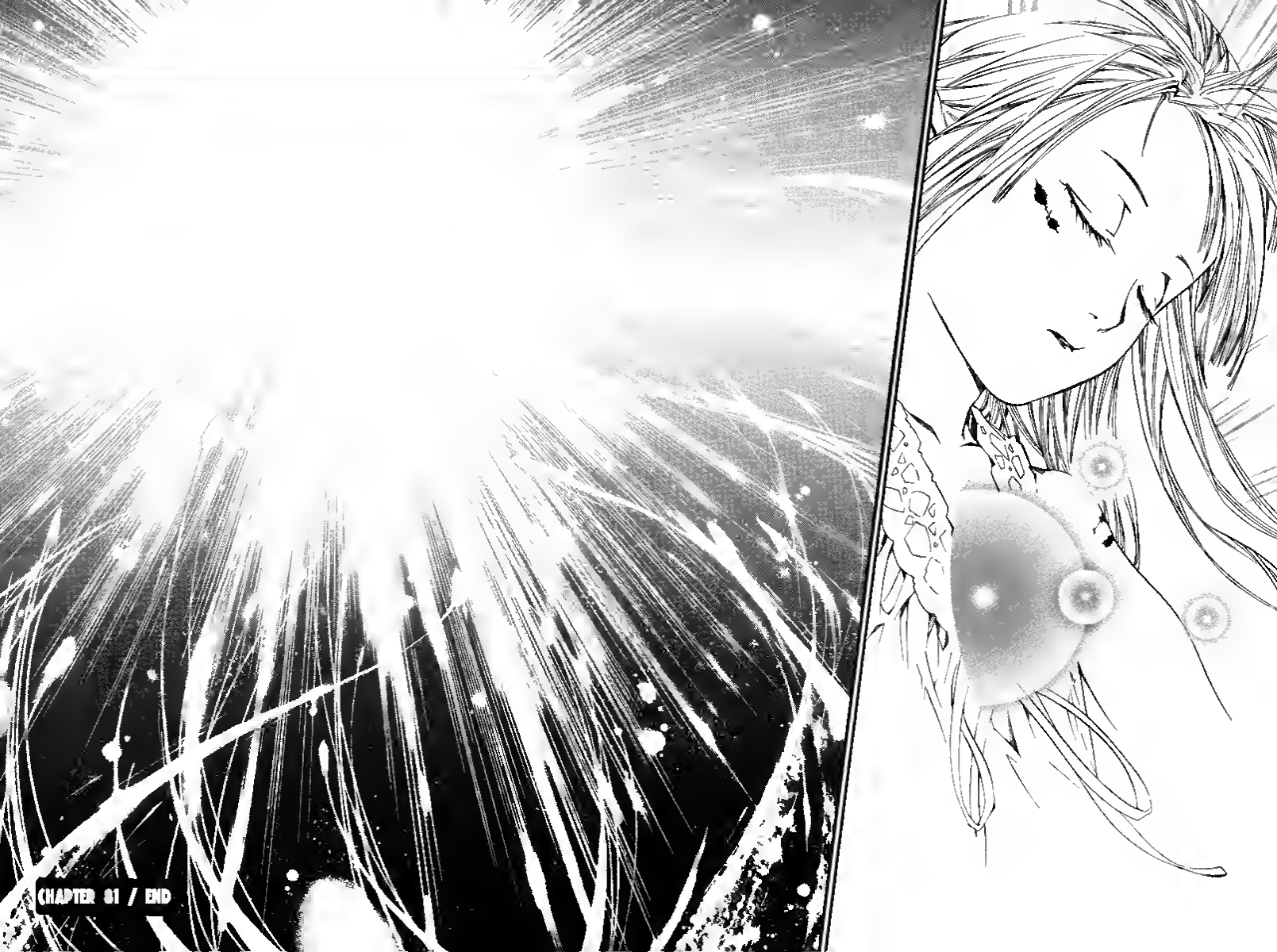
THE MISSILE HAS DISAPPEARED FROM OUR RADAR SYSTEMS!
ACCORDING TO SURVEILLANCE,
IT WAS ERASED!
QU-...
QUICKLY! FIRE THE NEXT ONE!!
DON'T YOU GET IT? NO MATTER HOW MANY YOU FIRE
NO WEAPON IN THE WORLD WILL WORK ON THAT CHILD


ALL THAT KID WANTS TO DO IS DESTROY ITSELF...
THAT'S WHY IT CAME HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE...

Taking just you is impossible, Hirose.

When I activate the system...
Everyone will be absorbed.
... do you understand?
.....!

HIRO...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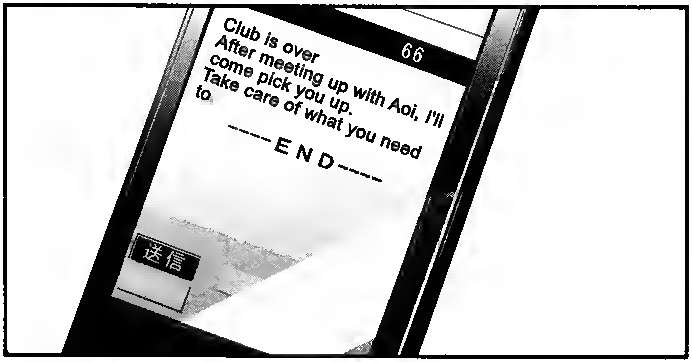
THE FINAL CHAPTER

HOPE EVERYONE'S DOING WELL

Everything has been figured out, except how to live.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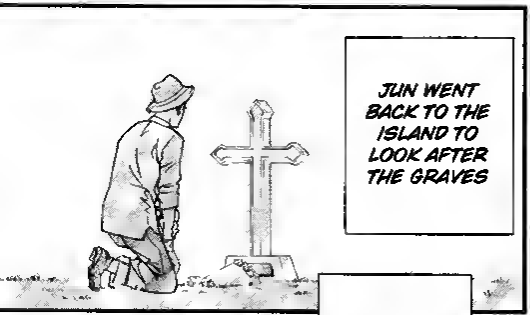
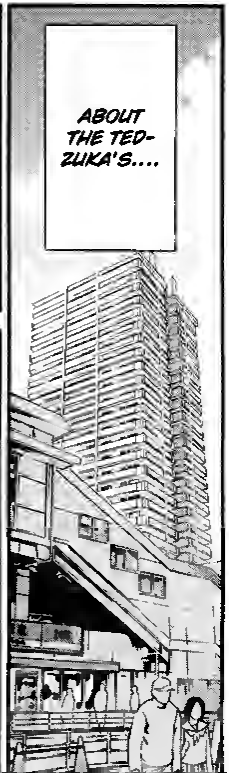
Club is over
After meeting up with Aoi, I'll
come pick you up.
Take care of what you need
to.
----E N D----
送信

YUUTA!
SORRY! PRACTICE RAN LATE TODAY
YOU'RE SO SLOW! LET'S GET GOING
IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS SINCE THEN
AND WE'RE ALL STILL ALIVE.

She's huge
That guy's cool
WE MEET AGAIN
That can't see!
That guy's cute!
YEAH
I STILL LIVE WITH MY GRAND-PARENTS
AND NOW I ATTEND TOKYO HIGH SCHOOL


JUN WENT BACK TO THE ISLAND TO LOOK AFTER THE GRAVES

Think she has a boy-friend?
She's cute
AOI ATTENDS A HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY ON A SCHOLAR-SHIP
SO SHE'S LIVING HERE IN TOKYO, TOO


ABOUT THE TED-ZUKA'S....

MY GOAL IS THE OLYM-PICS!!
NOT SO LOUD, YOU IDIOT! SHHH!
MY TEACHERS AND UPPER-CLASSMEN TELL ME THAT
MY TIME COULD BE MUCH SHORTER IF I DIDN'T WEAR THESE SHOES

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BUT THEY'RE THE ONLY SHOES I WANT TO RUN IN...
IF YOU STILL HAD YOUR POWERS, THIS WOULD BE A CAKE WALK Y'KNOW...
THAT'D BE CHEATING!
THAT'S RIGHT.
EVER SINCE THAT DAY
WE STOPPED BEING POWER USERS

Hirose, you won't be the only one taken. When I activate
the heart, everyone will be absorbed. I can't do otherwise.

ALL OF HUMANITY SAW IT WHILE FLOATING
IN AN ENDLESS UNIVERSE FILLED WITH MITAMA'S MEMORIES...
WE SAW A DREAM
I'll be waiting to see
If all of you wish to remain here
What kind of evolution you take
As separate beings

WE NEED TO GO NOW
I leave all of you to your own evolutionary journey
MEGUMI...
THANK YOU

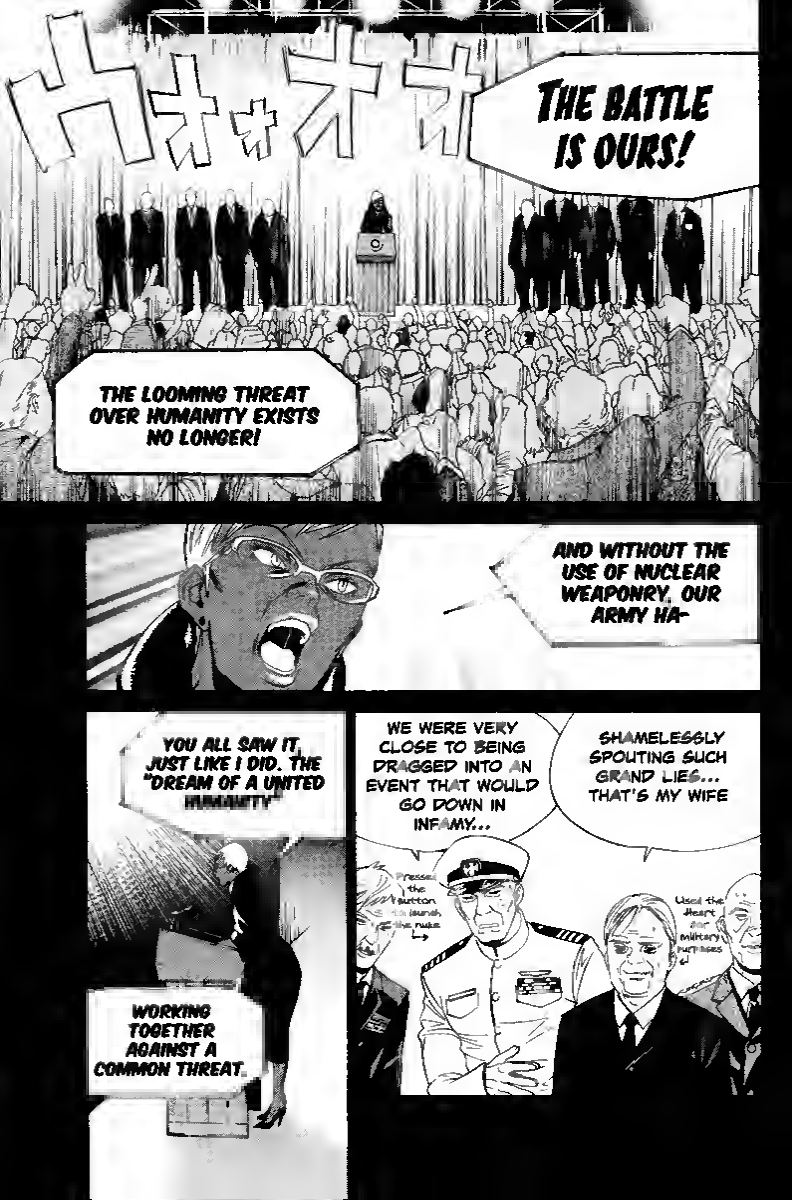
I'M SORRY...

THINKING ABOUT IT NOW...
WHEN SHE SAID "EVERYONE" WOULD BE ABSORBED
WHAT SHE MEANT WAS THE "COMRADES" WHO LIVED WITHIN US POWER USERS

AND I UNDERSTAND NOW THAT
IT MEANS EVERYTHING IS REALLY OVER
AND ALSO...

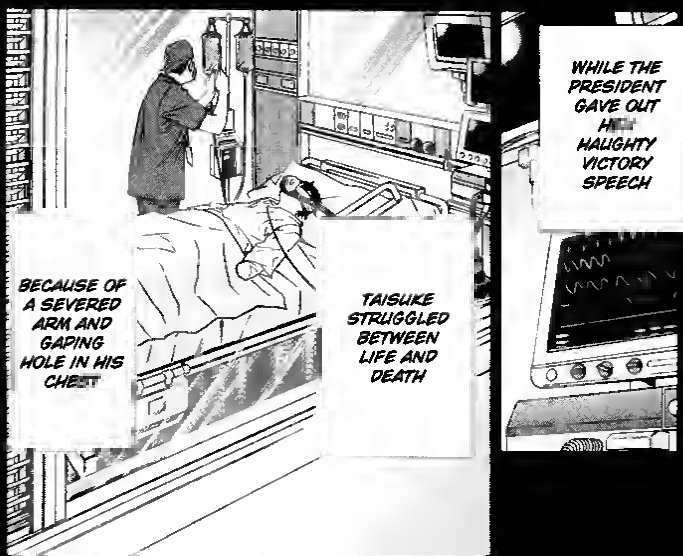
THAT THE SHELL OF HIROSE'S EVOLVED BODY
HAD BEEN LEFT BEHIND
Haa
Haa

TAISUKE!!


THE BATTLE IS OURS!
THE LOOMING THREAT OVER HUMANITY EXISTS NO LONGER!
AND WITHOUT THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONRY, OUR ARMY HA-
YOU ALL SAW IT, JUST LIKE I DID. THE "DREAM OF A UNITED HUMANITY"
WORKING TOGETHER AGAINST A COMMON THREAT.
WE WERE VERY CLOSE TO BEING DRAGGED INTO AN EVENT THAT WOULD GO DOWN IN INFAMY...
SHAMELESSLY SPOUTING SUCH GRAND LIES... THAT'S MY WIFE
Pressed the button to launch the nuke.
Used the heart of a military's puppet boss

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE LIFE AS WE KNOW IT BEGAN, I BELIEVE WE CAN ALL SAY THAT IT WAS A CLEAR, UNITED VISION.
OUR HEARTS BECAME AS ONE DURING THOSE DARK DAYS...

HMPH.
WHICH IS WHY I HOPE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO THROW ASIDE OUR WEAPONS SO THAT WE CAN
WORK TOWARD A UNITED TOMORROW AND OBTAIN WORLD PEACE!!


WHILE THE PRESIDENT GAVE OUT HIS HALIGHTY VICTORY SPEECH
BECAUSE OF A SEVERED ARM AND GAPING HOLE IN HIS CHEST
TAISUKE STRUGGLED BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY TAISUKE NEVER USED HIS "REGENERATION" BEFORE MITAMA LEFT
HE HAD SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO USE IT
AND YET...
IF HE HAD USED IT, THEN MAYBE THINGS WOULDN'T HAVE TURNED OUT THE WAY THEY DID.

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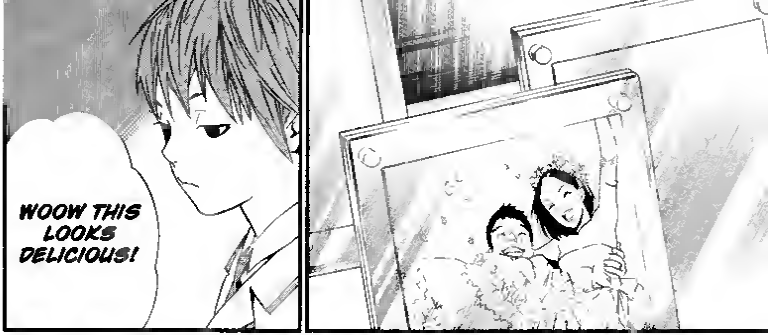
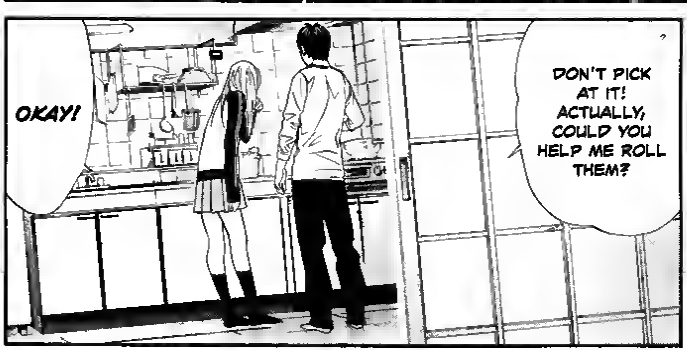
HEY
I'M FINALLY ABLE TO MOVE AROUND!

AREN'T YOU TOO OLD TO BE DOING THIS, AOI?
does track and field
TAI-NII!!
GOOH!!
does soccer
HNNGH!?
TAI-NII!!
MAYBE HE SHOULD'VE DIED AFTER ALL


WOOW THIS LOOKS DELICIOUS!


OKAY!
DON'T PICK AT IT! ACTUALLY, COULD YOU HELP ME ROLL THEM?

THAT DAY, TAISUKE LOST HIS LEFT HAND...
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO MUCH
IT'S FINE, I'VE GOT IT!

CURRENTLY, HE'S TAKING COOKING CLASSES TO BECOME A CHEF

IT SEEMS LIKE HE'D MAKE A GOOD FATHER
THIS LOOKS GOOD!
YOU THINK? I'VE STILL GOT A LOT TO LEARN
HE'S TAKING IT DAY BY DAY...
JUST THE LITTLE THINGS TAKE SO LONG TO DO NOW.

IT'S HARD TO TIE THIS
JUST TRYING TO GET USED TO IT

HAVE YOU GONE TO SEE YOUR PARENTS YET, YUUTA?
YEAH. I WENT TO VISIT MY MOM'S GRAVE DURING O-BON.
BUT I STILL DON'T GET ALONG WITH DAD.

HE STILL DOESN'T WANT ME GOING TO SCHOOL IN TOKYO.
HE'S ALWAYS TELLING ME "COME BACK HOME."
FOR CRYING OUT LOUD, LET ME MAKE SOME DECISIONS MYSELF!
IT'S GREAT THAT
YOU'RE CLOSE ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO ARGUE WITH HIM
ALTHOUGH WITH AOI HERE, I SEE WHY YOU'D WANT TO...
!
JUN-NII!
JUN! YOU CAME BACK TO JAPAN!?
SINCE EVERYONE WAS GETTING TOGETHER, REI EVEN INVITED RON.

NAMI WAS ALSO INVITED
EH!
... WHAT?
NOTHING...

I JUST HAVEN'T SEEN HER IN FIVE YEARS! WE HAVEN'T KEPT IN TOUCH AT ALL, EITHER...
IT'S WEIRD THAT YOU GUYS DIDN T KEEP IN TOUCH
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU?
... NOT REALLY...

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It's SATAN!!!
HOW MUCH TO KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT?
WHY IS IT THAT I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO HIDE SOMETHING FROM ME?
LAST WINTER

VERY WELL!
MOM, DAD. I'VE DECIDED TO DROP OUT OF COLLEGE AND MOVE TO TOKYO
HOW-EVER!
THANK YOU!
IF YOU CAN DEFEAT ME, YOU MAY DO AS YOU WISH!
Mom approves!
THAT MAN IS OFF LIMITS!

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE IT CUT?
IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYWAY...
WE WEREN'T REALLY DATING TO BEGIN WITH
MAKE
MAGAZINE: EVERYONE LOVES WAVY HAIR
MAKE IT WAVY!

HEY.
TAISUKE! WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!

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YOU HAVE A THING FOR WAVY HAIR
WOW, IT'S WAVY!
DID YOU SEE THE NEWSPAPER? AMAMIYA RUNS HER OWN COLUMN, NOW
SHE EVEN GOT THE PULITZER PRIZE!
HUH! THAT'S AWESOME!
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A TOTAL FLUKE!

AND THE PULITZER FOR NEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHY IS...
"THE DREAM OF A UNITED HUMANITY - GROUND ZERO"
ODA MASASHI!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
Dear Anahita
I kinda entered our video for the Pulitzer Prize. Can you believe it wan't? I'm pretty busy now but my new desk looks pretty nice! I look pretty cool on the right side, don't you think?

ODA HAS LOST HIS TOUCH

ODA! HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN ON DWELLING AROUND PAST GLORY?
WE NEED TO TELL THE WORLD WHAT'S GOING ON HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
AND SAVE ALL THE LIVES WE CAN!!
HOW COULD THEY SAY THINGS LIKE THAT ABOUT ME?
I JUST WANTED TO TAKE PICTURES OF FOOD AND SWEETS...

SOUNDS DIFFICULT...
LOOKS LIKE THEIR CURRENT JOB IS ON A REFUGEE CAMP
EH? LEMME SEE!
DOES ODA LOOK LIKE HE'S CRYING?
.....

IT'S JUST A LITTLE LONGER...
IS THAT ALL YOU COULD THINK OF?
WHAT!?
YOUR HAIR GOT LONGER!!
I'VE GOTTEN USED TO...
GOTTEN USED TO YOUR ARM YET?
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE DOING WELL
USING IT TO EAT IS STILL OUT OF THE QUESTION.
HAVING AN ARTIFICIAL ARM BUT

YEAH!!
AS A GRAVURE MODEL, I MEAN
WHAT ABOUT YOU? TRYING YOUR BEST?
LIKE ON RAIN'S SITE
....?

I FELL FOR!!
AND THIS IS THE ONE

YEAH — I'D RATHER IT BE PEACEFUL
LOOKS LIKE THERE'RE STILL A FEW BUGS TO WORK OUT

I'M SURE NAMI'S STILL A POWER USER...
AH
MEG'S HOME
I'M BACK!
WELCOME HOME!
カラ
コロ

SORRY FOR COMING OVER ON MY OWN
SHOULDN'T YOU BE AT WORK?
YEAH, BUT I'M ON BREAK RIGHT NOW SO I THOUGHT I'D DROP BY BEFORE MY NIGHT SHIFT STARTS
DO NURSES GET ANY REST?
ガラーン
OH, YOU'RE WASHING THEM FOR ME. THANKS.
NO PROBLEM
SO HOW'D THE GET-TOGETHER GO?

I'LL GO AHEAD AND WASH MY LUNCH BOX...
I THINK I'LL KEEP QUIET ABOUT NAMI THOUGH
GREAT! EVEN JUN CAME!
What's the bruise on your cheek about?
I WONDER HOW TAMA AND HIROSE ARE DOING

I HOPE THEY'RE DOING ALRIGHT...
YEAH...
I'M SURE THEY'RE AT SOME FAR OFF PLACE NOW
I THINK THAT MAYBE

TAISUKE DIDN'T WANT TO GET HIROSE'S ATTENTION BY RESTORING HIS ARM

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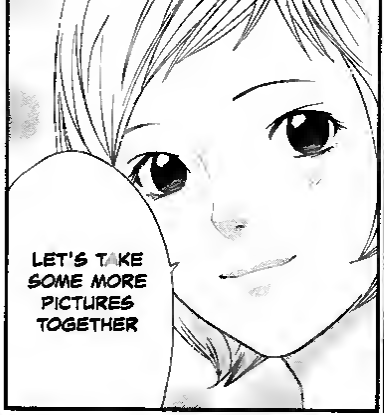
THOUGHTS ALONE CAN'T EXPLAIN THEM
LIFE OR DEATH
JUST TWO MORE SPRINTS!
AND DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM YOURSELF
Haa
Haa
Haa
WITHIN YOUR OWN TIME
Haa
Haa
SOMEHOW, YOU JUST GO BACK TO YOUR DAILY LIFE

ONLY TIME WILL GIVE YOU THE ANSWER.
YOU'RE STAYING HERE!?
IS THERE A PROBLEM?
PROBABLY..
?
SOMETHING YOU'LL BUMP INTO ONE DAY.
BUT IT'S NOT JUST
TAISUKE


LET'S TAKE SOME MORE PICTURES TOGETHER

WE SHOULD PUT UP MORE PICTURES HERE!

JUST LIKE THE PAIN IN MY HEART

TIME WILL EVENTUALLY COVER THEM UP
IT'S NOT LIKE I'LL BE ABLE TO FORGET THEM
AND IT WON'T BE EASY,

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アライブ
最終進化的少年 We are alive on this planet, and they arrived...
完

あとがき

7年越しの連載が終わりました。
この『アライブ』という作品には、ちょっとした想いが込められています。その発端は、家族の他界です。本来ならば、人の死とは悲しいもの。でも私には、少し違った感情もありました。

「これで楽になれたね」

その時、私は悲しい反面、良かったという想いが頭をよぎったのです。その瞬間だったのかも知れません。『アライブ』のテーマが見つかったのは。

私はひねくれ者だったためか、ストレートに「命は尊い」と前面に押し出すのは何だか柄じゃなくて……。でも、結果それが功を奏したのかも知れません。「生が尊い」ように、「死も尊い」のではないか？という目線から、命を考えようと思ったんです。人は様々な業や多くの悲しみを背負っているのに、ただ「生は正しい」と書いて事足りるものなのか？と。
とまぁ、そんなこんなで『アライブ』はめでたく連載となり、あだちとかというめっちゃ伸びしろのある作家さんと出会えたことで、予想以上の長期連載になったわけです。

エンディングには当初、命について自分なりの解答を提示する、明確なビジョンがありました。しかし最終的には、その辺りが不明瞭な形となったかも知れません。けれど、それで良かったと今は思っています。
私は神でもなければ仏でもない単なる一般人。偉そうに永遠のテーマとも言える「命」に答えを出そうなんて、おこがましいじゃないですか。
ですから、生が正しいのか、死は悪しきものなのか、命とは何なのか……それらは読者の皆様一人一人に考えていただきたく思います。

最後となりましたが、この漫画を最後まで応援してくださった読者様、我らが担当・鈴木さん堤さん高見さん、編集部の皆様、そして最大の功労者であるあだちとか先生、

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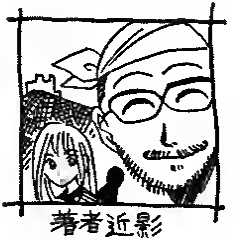

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読者の皆様
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